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Data Highlights - 2003

The Manitoba *All Items* index rose 1.8% in 2003, the lowest increase of any province. At the Canada level, the *All Items* percent change was 2.8% for 2003. In Manitoba, for 2003, the *Clothing and Footwear* component increased by 0.9%, while the *Tobacco and Alcohol* component showed the largest increase with a 10.5% growth. At the Canada level, the *Clothing and Footwear* component decreased by 1.8%, while the *Tobacco and Alcohol* component registered the largest increase of 10.0%. Winnipeg's *All Items* Index rose 1.8% in 2003, the lowest increase of the sixteen major cities reporting.

A key reason for the relatively low increase in consumer prices in Manitoba is the auto-insurance premiums. In 2003, Manitoba had almost no increase in auto-insurance premiums at 0.3% compared to a national average of 22.1%. The largest increase occurred in Alberta at 33.8%.

If the *Energy* component is examined separately, the 2002 to 2003 percent changes are erratic. They range from a 4.9% increase for Manitoba to a 19.2% increase for Alberta. Canada's *Energy* index increased 7.9% in 2003. The 2001 to 2003 *Energy* percent changes range from 1.0% for Manitoba to 16.6% for Alberta.

Within the *Energy* component, Manitoba ranked first in the *Natural Gas* component and second in the *Electricity* component with increases of 7.9% and 0.0% between 2002 and 2003. Between 2001 and 2003, Manitoba ranked first in both *Natural Gas* and *Electricity* components with decreases of 3.2% and 0.3%.

The *All Items excluding Energy* 2003 percent changes have quite a narrow range. Manitoba shows the smallest increase with 1.6%, while Alberta had the largest increase of 3.1%. Manitoba *All Items excluding Energy* from 2001 to 2003 was 3.7% and ranked first among the provinces.

From 2001 to 2002, Manitoba experienced a 1.6% increase for the *All Items* index and ranked first among the provinces. From 2001 to 2003, Manitoba' index grew by 3.4% while Canada's *All Items* index grew by 5.1%. Manitoba's rank for the 2001 to 2003 percent change was first among the provinces.

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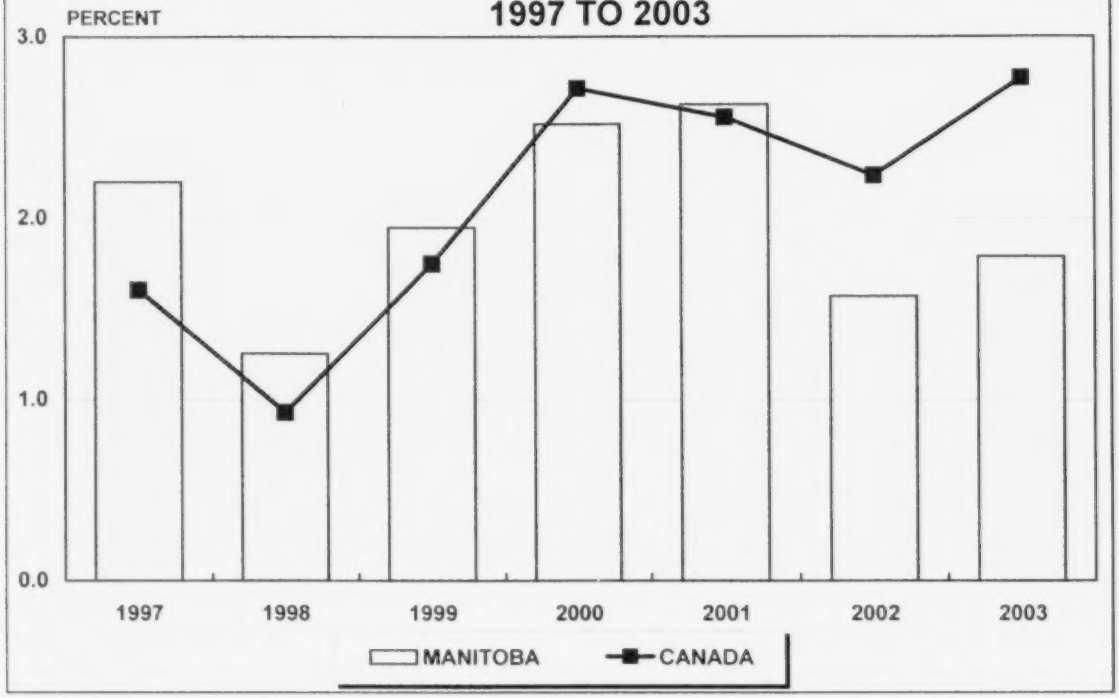

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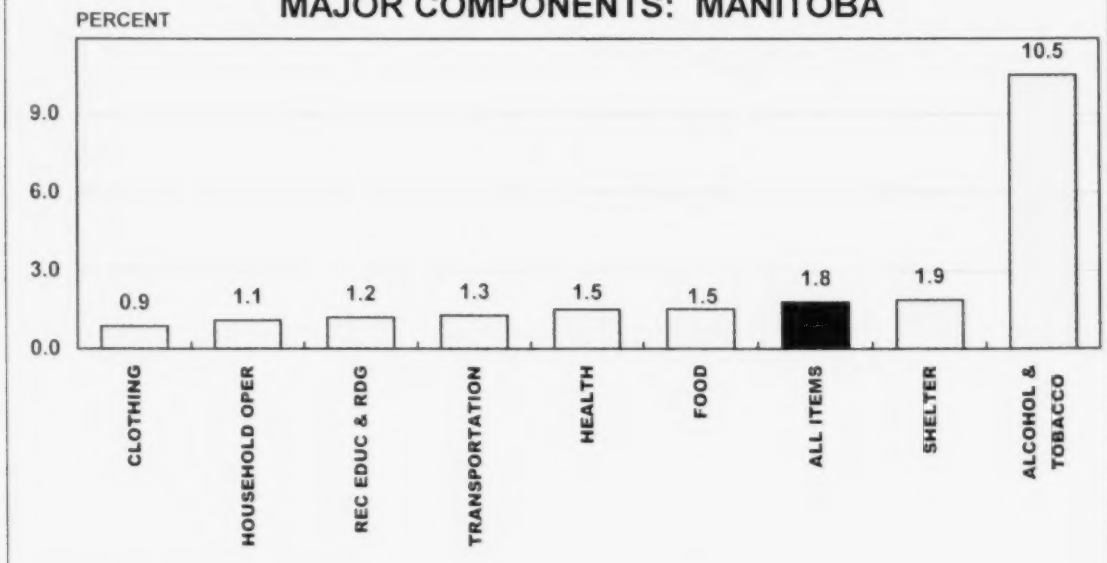

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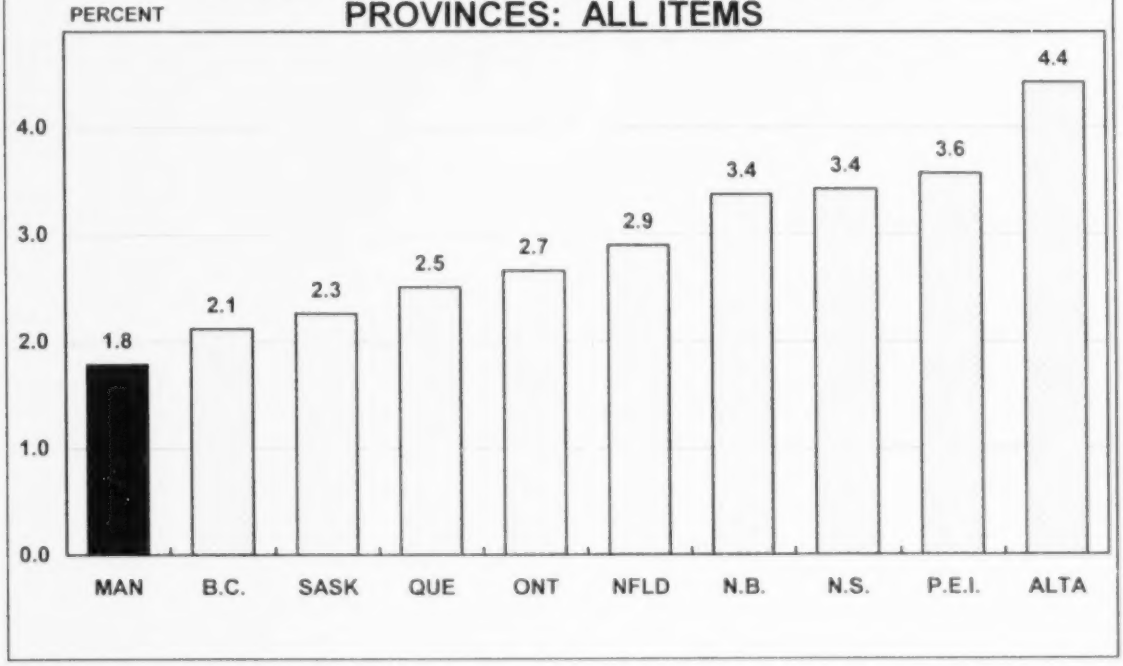

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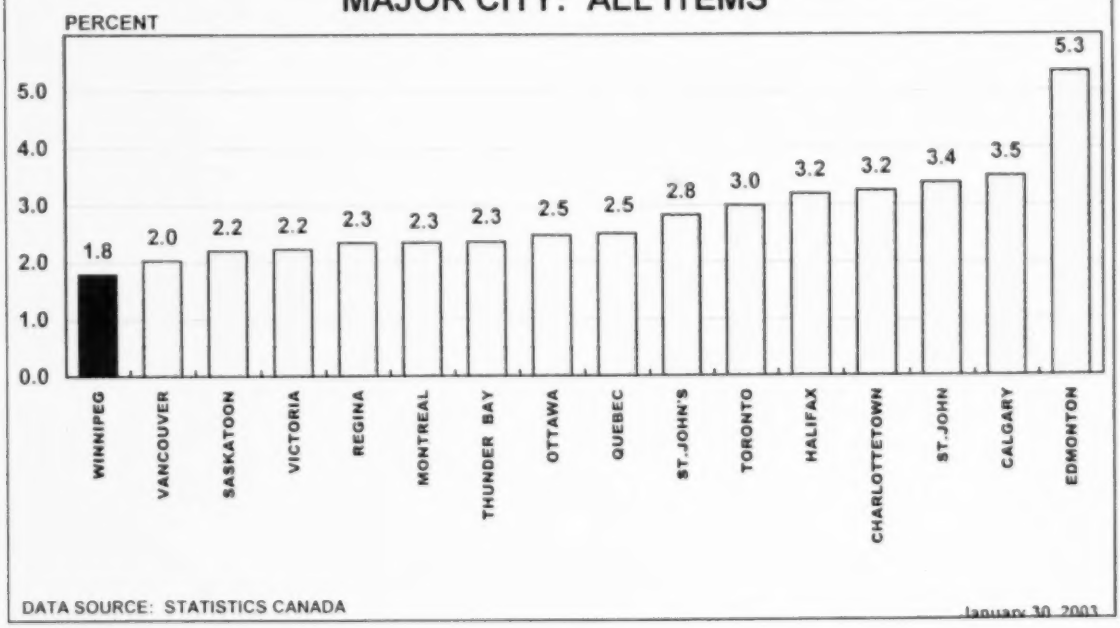

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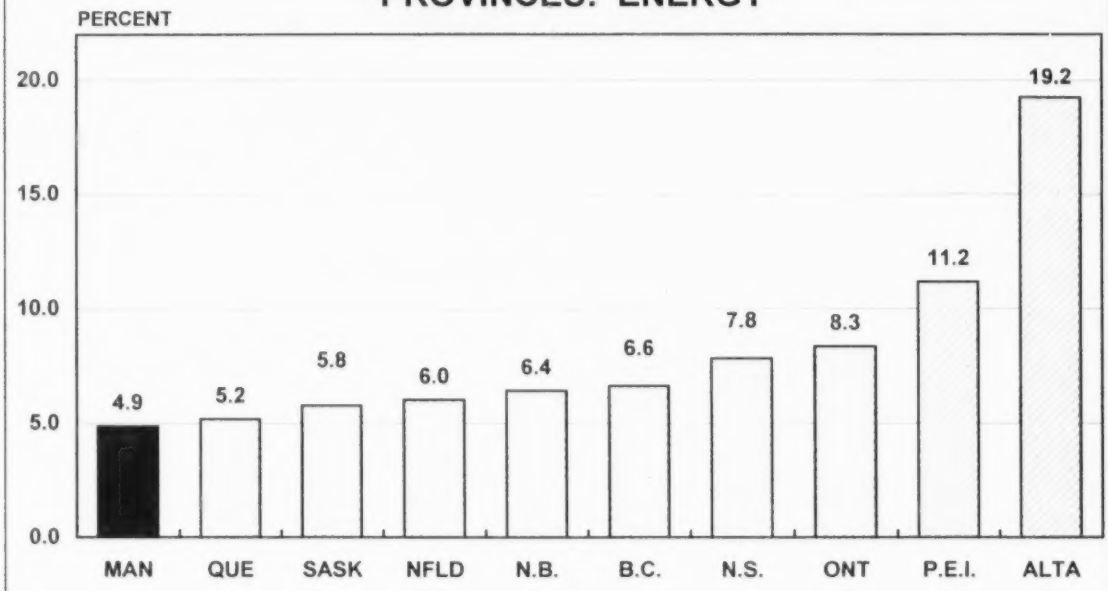

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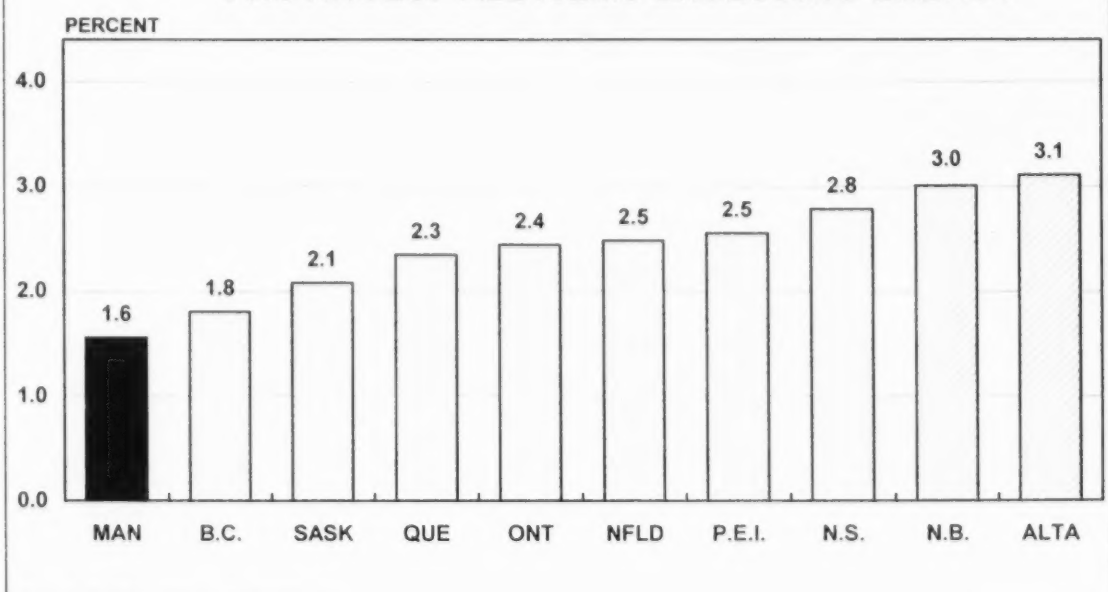

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TABLE 1: ANNUAL CONSUMER PRICE INDICES - 2001 TO 2003
BY COMPONENT: MANITOBA AND CANADA

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
				PERCENT CHANGE					PERCENT CHANGE	
	2001	2002	2003	2001 TO 2002	2002 TO 2003	2001	2002	2003	2001 TO 2002	2002 TO 2003
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	121.2	123.1	125.3	1.6	1.8	116.4	119.0	122.3	2.2	2.8
FOOD	121.9	124.8	126.7	2.4	1.5	117.2	120.3	122.4	2.6	1.7
SHELTER	118.2	117.6	119.8	-0.5	1.9	112.8	113.8	117.5	0.9	3.3
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	116.7	119.7	121.0	2.6	1.1	112.2	113.8	114.6	1.4	0.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	116.7	115.6	116.6	-0.9	0.9	106.0	105.2	103.3	-0.8	-1.8
TRANSPORTATION	132.2	133.5	135.2	1.0	1.3	130.8	134.4	141.4	2.8	5.2
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	118.3	120.3	122.1	1.7	1.5	114.2	115.5	117.0	1.1	1.3
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	123.8	124.9	126.4	0.9	1.2	124.3	126.3	127.3	1.6	0.8
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	111.1	128.5	142.0	15.7	10.5	105.1	123.6	136.0	17.6	10.0
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	121.1	122.7	125.0	1.3	1.9	116.3	118.8	122.4	2.1	3.0
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	119.3	121.7	123.6	2.0	1.6	114.4	117.5	120.5	2.7	2.6
ENERGY	136.3	131.3	137.7	-3.7	4.9	132.3	129.6	139.9	-2.0	7.9
GOODS	119.0	120.4	122.5	1.2	1.7	113.9	115.8	118.0	1.7	1.9
SERVICES	123.6	126.0	128.4	1.9	1.9	119.3	122.8	127.2	2.9	3.6

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TABLE 2: ANNUAL CONSUMER PRICE INDICES - 2001 TO 2003
BY PROVINCE: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS				
				PERCENT CHANGE	
	2001	2002	2003	2001 TO 2002	2002 TO 2003
MANITOBA	121.2	123.1	125.3	1.6	1.8
WESTERN PROVINCES					
SASKATCHEWAN	120.3	123.7	126.5	2.8	2.3
ALBERTA	120.1	124.2	129.7	3.4	4.4
BRITISH COLUMBIA	115.2	117.9	120.4	2.3	2.1
EASTERN PROVINCES					
ONTARIO	117.7	120.1	123.3	2.0	2.7
QUEBEC	113.2	115.5	118.4	2.0	2.5
MARITIME PROVINCES					
NEW BRUNSWICK	114.7	118.6	122.6	3.4	3.4
NOVA SCOTIA	116.3	119.8	123.9	3.0	3.4
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	114.6	117.7	121.9	2.7	3.6
NEWFOUNDLAND	114.5	117.3	120.7	2.4	2.9
* MANITOBA RANK				1	1

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TABLE 3: ANNUAL CONSUMER PRICE INDICES - 2001 TO 2003
BY CITY: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS				
				PERCENT CHANGE	
	2001	2002	2003	2001 TO 2002	2002 TO 2003
WINNIPEG	121.5	123.3	125.5	1.5	1.8
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	121.3	124.6	127.5	2.7	2.3
SASKATOON	119.7	123.1	125.8	2.8	2.2
CALGARY	121.3	125.8	130.2	3.7	3.5
EDMONTON	118.4	121.9	128.4	3.0	5.3
VANCOUVER	116.0	118.6	121.0	2.2	2.0
VICTORIA	114.3	117.4	120.0	2.7	2.2
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	117.5	119.3	122.1	1.5	2.3
TORONTO	118.1	120.6	124.2	2.1	3.0
OTTAWA	119.3	121.9	124.9	2.2	2.5
MONTREAL	113.4	115.7	118.4	2.0	2.3
QUEBEC	113.8	116.2	119.1	2.1	2.5
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	114.5	118.2	122.2	3.2	3.4
HALIFAX	115.5	119.1	122.9	3.1	3.2
CHARLOTTETOWN	114.2	117.1	120.9	2.5	3.2
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	114.5	117.3	120.6	2.4	2.8
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF SIXTEEN CITIES)				1	1

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TABLE 4: ANNUAL CONSUMER PRICE INDICES - 2001 TO 2003
BY PROVINCE: ENERGY AND ALL ITEMS EXCLUDING ENERGY

(1992 = 100)

	ENERGY					ALL ITEMS EXCLUDING ENERGY				
				PERCENT CHANGE					PERCENT CHANGE	
	2001	2002	2003	2001 TO 2002	2002 TO 2003	2001	2002	2003	2001 TO 2002	2002 TO 2003
MANITOBA	136.3	131.3	137.7	-3.7	4.9	119.7	122.2	124.1	2.1	1.6
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	149.8	152.5	161.3	1.8	5.8	117.3	120.7	123.2	2.9	2.1
ALBERTA	147.8	144.6	172.4	-2.2	19.2	117.7	122.4	126.2	4.0	3.1
BRITISH COLUMBIA	134.3	135.9	144.9	1.2	6.6	113.9	116.7	118.8	2.5	1.8
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	136.1	131.8	142.8	-3.2	8.3	116.1	119.1	122.0	2.6	2.4
QUEBEC	118.5	115.9	121.9	-2.2	5.2	112.6	115.4	118.1	2.5	2.3
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	134.4	135.5	144.2	0.8	6.4	112.4	116.6	120.1	3.7	3.0
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